UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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GLOBAL PAYROLL INVESTORS LLC f/k/a EXPATICORE SERVICES LLC and DAVID LEBOFF,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
LONG ISLAND OFFICE

ADOPTION ORDER
20-CV-4508(JS)(AYS)

IMMEDIS, INC.,

Defendant.

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SEYBERT, District Judge:

Plaintiffs Global Payroll Investors LLC f/k/a Expaticore Services LLC and David Leboff (together, "Plaintiffs") commenced this diversity action alleging that defendant Immedis, Inc. ("Defendant") breached certain portions of a Purchase Agreement, Promissory Note, and an Employment Agreement. (Compl., ECF No. 1.) On January 11, 2021, Defendant filed a motion to dismiss Count Three of the Complaint, arguing Plaintiffs' a claim for breach of

the covenant of good faith and fair dealing should be dismissed as duplicative of the breach of contract claim. (Mot., ECF No. 17; Def. Br., ECF No. 15; Decl., ECF No. 16; Pls. Opp, ECF No. 18; Reply, ECF No. 19.)

On May 5, 2021, this Court referred the motion to Magistrate Judge Anne Y. Shields for a report and recommendation.

(See May 5, 2021 Elec. Order.) On July 13, 2021, Judge Shields issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") and recommended that the Court deny Defendant's motion. (See generally R&R, ECF No. 21.) Specifically, Judge Shields found that Plaintiffs adequately stated a claim for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing separate and apart from the breach of contract claim. (Id. at 7; see generally id. at 6-7.) She further concluded that "[w]hile the claims are obviously related, they are indeed distinct claims" and "evidence adduced during discovery could change this finding." (Id. at 7.)

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The time to object has expired and no objections to the R&R have been filed. Upon careful review and consideration, the Court finds Judge Shields' R&R to be comprehensive, well-reasoned, and free of clear error. Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS the R&R (ECF No. 21) in its entirety and Defendant's motion to dismiss Count Three of the Complaint (ECF No. 15) is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ JOANNA SEYBERT
Joanna Seybert, U.S.D.J.

Dated: August 9, 2021 Central Islip, New York